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The Honorable Charles M. Teague  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Teague:

In response to your letter of 18 May I have asked our technical people to examine [redacted] proposal for the development of a thin-film battery.

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They tell me that the concept of applying solid state electro-chemical systems to batteries for propulsive power purposes does, with appropriate assumptions, lead to the estimates and the projections developed in the proposal. They believe, however, that there are a great many technical uncertainties inherent in these assumptions and that the appropriate next step for any organization wishing to pursue this idea would be to fund a substantial exploratory technology program.

For the kind of applications we have, we are putting our exploratory efforts in other technical areas at this time, but we will take note of progress that [redacted] makes in developing this technology and keep alert to possible applications for us.

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Sincerely,

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